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an extent that we could never have attained without listening
to his mild accents; watching his unmingled sweetness while
replying to short sighted or ignorant or time serving suggestions
& above all, ^{without} feeling the glow of his overflowing love to all who
bear God's image undefiled by sins which put them without
the pale of sympathy, & especially to those with whom he finds
himself in communion on ^{those} subjects affecting man's destiny to
which he dedicates his heart & life. And this we doubted not
that faith in God & in Christ was the mainspring of his eff.
labors to bring about the reign of that Saviour upon earth, it
needs to be with him I hear the spontaneous outpouring of
his soul on those sacred subjects to realize how much his
elevated view of the designs & teachings of Christ's religion,
his reverence & love for him ⁱⁿ the Father who sent him, his
constant reference to revealed truth as his guide & standard,
influenced him in the conceptions & carrying out of his great
plans, & preventing his mind from being warped (as so often
is the failing of reformers) ^{his powers} by being concentrated on one subject.
[Oh! I could say very much more about him, but have neither
time nor strength now; & after all I should fail in my attempts
to explain myself even to you who would so fully enter into
my feelings. We saw him too little in private for me to be
able to tell him anything of what I am telling you, & indeed
during his presence I felt too much to be able to speak of it,
but he will live in my heart, & I shall trace his course
with redoubled interest now his name is endeared to ~~us~~
by such deep personal associations. He has I trust done
much good here & dispelled many prejudices by his visit
for great numbers listened to him, & many had private
conversation with him; & to be in his atmosphere must
soften bigotry & disarm unkindly feeling when it ~~was~~
before. It was such a treat to hear him argue & dispose
of one objection or disputed point after another with such

cool composure, brevity, & clearness, leaving the propounder
without a reply looking not a little foolish & humbled. ~~It~~
~~was~~ ^{seemed} a dream from which I am hardly yet awake to sit listening
to Mr Garrison explaining with his ~~own~~ ^{as he explained} mouth the
arguments for the dis-union pledge, the dissolution of
the union, & the inconsistency of Abolitionists voting in
the very words by which he had so long ago ~~been~~ ^{been} convinced
in the pages of his "Liberator". And to have heard him
myself refute the unjust charges against your Society of mixing
extraneous matter with the cause with the patience &
& solemnity which he manifested, will go farther in my
intercourse with others than any amount of reading, tho'
the only new idea it gave me was the depth & sanctity
of his own convictions. My faith in his nobleness & un-
flinching steadfastness in adhering to & carrying out his
principles were incapable of being strengthened. You must
not imagine from all this that he was obliged to be mostly
on the defensive while here; he was generally surrounded by
those who went heart & hand with him; in fact he described
his feelings as those of embarrassment at having all sympathy
on his side, & no scope for controversy or assault. But
we did our best to get friends whom we knew were more
or less infected by the British & Foreign A. S. S. with the ~~backward~~
spirit of distrust which you have to contend with, to meet him
at ~~our house~~, & be disabused. I hope the Auxiliary to the
League will meet with no violent opposition here, but we
are not without fears. On this subject I have no doubt my
Father has dwelt at length to Mr May, so I will not enter on
it. We have just read the complimentary notice in the
Liberator by Mr Quincy (I presume) of my Father's little
pamphlet. Here it is doing just the work he designed
it for; diffusing information without repelling anyone
by violence of language. ~~Mr Quincy~~ The reviewer seems
quite to understand the inference my Father wished to

have drawn from his suggested apology for those who view
their duty on the question of Slavery in a different light.
But some few zealous Abolitionists ^{alighted} here to fancy was an ^{apology}
down of his own opinions to be less offensive to those who
are unfaithful. But I believe you quite understand that his
object was to reach as large a class of readers as possible
to think on the subject, & not to be the means of any close
the book with the conviction that the writer was too sincere
& one sided Dr. I have said nothing about F. Douglass, &
there is but one opinion of him. Wherever he goes he arouses
sympathy in your cause & love for himself. He is effecting
a great work here, & the longer you can spare him to us
the better it will be for us & I believe for you too in the end.
Our expectations were very highly raised by his narrative,
his ^{printed} speeches, & the eulogiums of the friends with whom he has
been staying; but he far exceeds the picture we had formed
both in outward graces, intellectual ^{power}, culture, & eloquence.
People are looking forward with great anxiety to his second visit
& there seems quite an Anti-Slavery ferment, & I hope will
result in considerable additions to the Bazaar collections.
Things are beginning to pour in already. I doubt whether there
will be anything so pretty as some of the articles last year, but I
am sure the class of ^{& number} contributors, mechanics dressmakers, &c.
Dr. who are bringing their offerings with such zealous spirits will
compensate to you for any want of elegance in their donations.
I enclose a small handbill I have been drawing up for distribu-
tion after the ~~Meeting~~ Meeting to-morrow where F. D. will
speak again & the Aux. League be formed; & they ^{may} ~~will~~ serve for
hints for other places where he & Mr. Garrison are about to lecture.
The pupils at our Asylum for the Blind were so delighted by
months ago by hearing F. D.'s Narrative that they made me
promise to prevail on him whenever he visited this town
to pay them a visit, & every time I saw them afterwards they
made inquiries about his coming. He kindly consented to
go there with me, & his presence caused great excitement &
delight among them. Each one insisted on shaking hands

with him, & he had a kind word for all. They petitioned to
go to the Meetings ^{which} was permitted & now they are working
with great enthusiasm in their leisure hours ^{between} having
held a mock meeting, placing one of their members on a
desk for the chair & made speeches on the desirableness of
assisting the cause &c. &c. And the children in charity
schools are also inspired with great ardor. We shall
probably not have contributions from many distant
places ^{which} swelled our collection last year, ~~as we~~ having
persuaded them wherever we could to set up for themselves
as you will perceive by the list, at the end of the "Brief Notice"
~~but~~ I hope others have been stimulated to collect, so that
on the whole you will have an increase in consequence
of the little tract, ^{this} whatever channel it reaches you.
We have had some money entrusted to us to pay out in
whatever we think most desirable for the Fair. In accordance
with your previously expressed wish we shall ^{expend} ~~devote~~ it
chiefly to Stationery unless you send us an intimation
that anything else is preferable. I have not made any
collection of views this year thinking that probably plain
writing paper would sell for more than engravings in proportion,
but if they are attractive it will not be too late to procure
some. My Aunt & I have been a good deal separated this
year; & I have been so much out of health since Christmas that
my means of furthering the object ^{my} ~~either~~ ^{either} personal ~~work~~ ^{work} col-
lections or solicitations, ^{while} ~~she~~ ^{she} had had both ^{disregard} ^{herself}
& much attendance on others to occupy her time & impede her
efforts; but we shall meet before the snow & prepare & pack the
things, & being now both pretty well & comparatively disengaged,
trust to be able to make other people's gifts tell to the best advan-
tage. If we have no power to add much of our own, you will accept
the work that has fallen to my lot in correspondence to persuade
friends in other localities to bestir themselves, in copying out
& correcting the proof & distributing my Father's pamphlet &c. &c.
as a substitute. We shall reserve some of the money donation
to help pay for the freight of our box. May do not trouble to answer

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